

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Presently Amended) A tube for introducing gases into critically ill patients comprising:

- a perforated zone at or near the distal end of said tube, and
- an inflatable/deflatable sleeve covering said perforated zone of said tube allowing direct connection between the lumen of said tube and the lumen of said sleeve, wherein said sleeve is hermetically bound peripherally at its two extremities to said tube, allowing flow of gas from the lumen of said tube to an airway in which the tube tip is inserted;

~~a tube for inducing gases into critically ill patients as in claim 1 and wherein the distal orifice of said tube is sealed.~~

3. (Canceled)

4. (Presently Amended) A tube for introducing gases into critically ill patients comprising:

- a perforated zone at or near the distal end of said tube, and
- an inflatable/deflatable sleeve covering said perforated zone of said tube allowing direct connection between the lumen of said tube and the lumen of said sleeve, wherein said sleeve is hermetically bound peripherally at its two

extremities to said tube, allowing flow of gas from the lumen of said tube to an airway in which the tube tip is inserted;

~~A tube for inducing gases into critically ill patients as in claim 1,~~ wherein a clamp holds said tube substantially in parallel with a cylindrical accessory.

5. (Presently Amended) A tube for inducing gases into critically ill patients as in claim 4 and wherein said cylindrical accessory is slidable with respect to said clamp.¶

6. (Canceled)

7. (Presently Amended) A tube for introducing gases into critically ill patients comprising:

- a perforated zone at or near the distal end of said tube, and
- an inflatable/deflatable sleeve covering said perforated zone of said tube allowing direct connection between the lumen of said tube and the lumen of said sleeve, wherein said sleeve is hermetically bound peripherally at its two extremities to said tube, allowing flow of gas from the lumen of said tube to an airway in which the tube tip is inserted;

~~a tube for inducing gases into critically ill patients as in claim 1~~ wherein at least one sensor is disposed at substantially the distal end of said tube.

8. (Original) A tube for inducing gases into critically ill patients as in claim 7 and wherein said at least one sensor is a microphone.

9. (Original) A tube for inducing gases into critically ill patients as in claim 7 and wherein said at least one sensor is a camera.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Original) A tube for inducing gases into critically ill patients as in claim 7 and wherein said at least one sensor is a pressure transducer.
16. (Original) A tube for inducing gases into critically ill patients as in claim 7 and wherein said at least one sensor is a gas composition sensor.